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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**NEW SPECIALTY MEDICAL SERVICES HOSPITALIST AGREEMENT
AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER
(4th District) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to offer and sign a new Specialty Medical Services Hospitalist Agreement, substantially similar to Exhibit I, with The Regents of the University of California on behalf of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, for the provision of orthopedic surgery services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, which satisfies traditional civil service exceptions permitting contracts and which is exempt under the provisions of Proposition A under County Code Section 2.121, effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2009, at an estimated annual cost of \$216,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Board approval of the recommended action will enable the Department of Health Services (DHS or Department) to use the services of an orthopedic surgeon, who is a faculty member of the UCLA School of Medicine, to provide orthopedic surgery services, as needed, on a part-time/intermittent basis at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (RLANRC).

This action will allow the provision of hard-to-recruit and critically needed physician services in the area of orthopedic surgery for County patients at RLANRC.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The total estimated cost for a full 12-month period is \$216,000. The total estimated cost for the period of March 20, 2007 through June 30, 2007 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 is \$58,500. Funding is included in the RLANRC FY 2006-07 Final Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years.

The hourly compensation rate for the contractor is on file with the Department and is kept confidential in accordance with section 1457 of the California Health and Safety Code. The recommended rate has been shared with each Board Office, the CAO, and County Counsel.

FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Because of the ongoing difficulty in recruiting physician specialists into County employment to staff a number of part-time and full-time service needs in DHS health facilities, the Board historically has approved physician specialty medical services agreements to enable the County to contract with qualified physician specialists interested in providing specialty medical services at County health facilities on an as-needed basis.

Daniel Oakes, M.D. is an orthopedic surgeon who, as a faculty member of the University of Southern California (USC) School of Medicine, provided services at RLANRC's arthritis clinic and performed joint replacement surgeries under the Medical School Affiliation Agreement between Los Angeles County and USC since August 2004. Dr. Oakes recently joined the faculty at UCLA's School of Medicine and by agreement with them cannot perform work at RLANRC under a personal services agreement.

The recommended Hospitalist Agreement with UCLA is needed to allow Dr. Oakes to continue providing orthopedic surgery services at RLANRC, and his services are vital to maintain the joint replacement program. Currently, there is a backlog of cases in excess of one year. Without Dr. Oakes, there will only be one other surgeon available on a part-time basis to perform joint replacement surgeries and waiting times for surgery will increase.

UCLA will be reimbursed for the specialty medical services of Dr. Oakes on an hourly rate basis.

The recommended Agreement includes the latest provisions mandated by the Board, as well as those recommended by County Counsel, consistent with other contracts between the County and The Regents of the University of California. Under the termination provisions of the Agreement, the Agreement may be terminated immediately for breach or for convenience with a 30-day advance written notice by either party. The recommended Agreement also includes provisions requiring the Contractor to comply with all County standard indemnification and insurance requirements.

Attachment A provides additional information.

Exhibit I has been approved as to use and form by County Counsel.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

For a number of years, the County has contracted with qualified physician specialists to staff a number of part-time and full-time service needs in County health facilities. The recommended Agreement is an extension of that program.

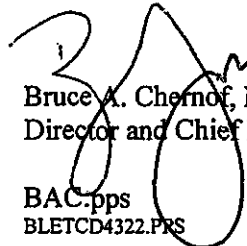
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Board approval of the recommended action will enable DHS to continue to provide orthopedic surgery services to County patients at RLANRC.

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When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT

1. Type of Service:

Specialty Medical Services Hospitalist Agreement with The Regents of the University of California on behalf of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, for the provision of orthopedic surgery services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

2. Contractor's Name, Addresses, and Telephone Number:

UCLA Medical Center
Department of Surgery/Chairman's Office
P.O. Box 951749, 72-131 CHS
Los Angeles, California 90095

3. Term:

Date of Board approval through June 30, 2009.

4. Financial Information:

The total estimated cost for a 12-month period is \$216,000. The total estimated cost for the period effective March 20, 2007 through June 30, 2007 is \$58,500. Funding is included in the RLANRC Fiscal Year 2006-07 Final Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years.

5. Geographic Area To Be Served:

Countywide

6. Accountability for Monitoring:

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center Facility Administrator

7. Approvals:

Operations: John R. Cochran III, Chief Deputy Director

Contracts and Grants: Cara O'Neill, Chief

County Counsel (approval as to form): Sharon A. Reichman, Principal Deputy County Counsel

FACT SHEET

**RE: NEW SPECIALTY MEDICAL SERVICES HOSPITALIST AGREEMENT AT RANCHO
LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER**

4th District

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SUBJECT:

The Director of Health Services is requesting Board approval of a new Specialty Medical Services Hospitalist Agreement with The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the UCLA School of Medicine, for the provision of orthopedic surgery services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (RLANRC).

REQUESTED ACTION:

You are being asked to approve and authorize the Director of Health Services to execute a new Specialty Medical Services Hospitalist Agreement, which is exempt under the provisions of Proposition A, with the contractor identified in Attachment A, effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2009. This Agreement will provide orthopedic surgery services at RLANRC.

PROGRAM:

For a number of years, the County has contracted with qualified physician specialists and non-physician medical personnel to staff a number of part-time and full-time service needs in County hospitals, comprehensive health centers, and health centers. The recommended Agreement is an extension of that program.

CONTRACT PROGRAM AMOUNT:

The total estimated cost for a full 12-month period is \$216,000. The total estimated cost for the period effective March 20, 2007 through June 30, 2007 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 is \$58,500. Funding is included in the RLANRC FY 2006-07 Final Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years.

FACT SHEET (Cont'd)

TERMINATION PROVISIONS:

Contract may be terminated immediately for breach or for convenience with a 30-day advance written notice by either party.

TERM OF CONTRACT:

Effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2009.

AUTOMATIC RENEWAL:

No.

FIRST BOARD APPROVED CONTRACT:

December 23, 1996.

CONTRACT PROGRAM EXPIRATION:

June 30, 2009.

RETROACTIVE AGREEMENT:

No.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS:

Not applicable.

SOLE SOURCE:

Not applicable.

SMALL BUSINESS WEB SITE:

Not applicable.

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